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Today's Topics:

    rec.radio.info Submission Guidelines  
        Welcome to rec.radio.info!

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\*\*\* rec.radio.info - Submission Guidelines and Etiquette \*\*\*

Two introductory articles about rec.radio.info are posted to this group and to  
news.answers every two weeks. You are now reading the second article, which  
explains how to submit something to rec.radio.info, and which answers some  
Frequently Asked Questions about the submission process. The first article is  
titled "Welcome to rec.radio.info", and it might be a good idea to check it out  
as well.

-- How do I submit something to rec.radio.info?

Two possibilities. You can use your newsreading software to just post the article to rec.radio.info, as you would do with any other newsgroup. The difference is that the software recognizes the special status of rec.radio.info as a moderated group, and will e-mail your article to me, the moderator, instead of posting it to the group.

Alternatively, you can mail your article directly to me at the following address:

rec-radio-info@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca

Mailing me directly is probably (a wee bit) faster, but using the transparency offered by the newsreading software is probably more convenient.

If you have any questions, or wish to deal with some administrivia with the moderator, I suggest mailing to the following address:

rec-radio-request@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca

-- How soon will I see my article appear?

It depends on how busy I am. Your article reaches me as mail, I have to read it first, possibly edit it, give it the stamp of approval, and finally send it on to the group.

I try to check and process the rec-radio-info mailbox at least three times a day. Since my site is UUCP connected (and in Canada, sometimes viewed as a foreign country from the US :-), the turnaround time may be somewhat lengthy. If you post a periodic article, and have shown to be trustworthy, we may allow you to post directly if the article is of a timely nature. See the section below on direct posting.

-- Should my article be in a specific format?

No. If it is not totally illegible, I will accept it, and if it does not have a correct subject-line I will correct it -- that's what a moderator is for.

However.

You could do me a big favor by making sure your article conforms to these simple requirements:

- 1) The article must present information, not discussion or requests, I will reject the article or require you to change the wording if it is worth it.
- 2) A good, descriptive Subject line.
- 3) Always mention what source you got the information from.
- 4) Don't forget to include a Followup-To header, at least if you don't want further discussion to automatically be forwarded to you, the poster, which is

the default if the article is only posted to rec.radio.info.

- 5) Please try to keep commercial advertising out of the signature. One of the goals is to allow many of these messages to traverse through to Amateur Packet Radio, and even a mention of a company name can get some of the Arm-Chair lawyers up in arms :-}

As I said: if your article is appropriate I will post it even if you don't follow these guidelines, but then don't blame me for not processing it immediately. 'Perfect' articles I can send on with a couple of keystrokes. Stuff that needs minor editing is going to have to wait until I have time to do so.

Please do not waste both mine and your time by posting requests, as this is an information only news group.

-- What about cross-posting?

If you send something to rec.radio.info, just name any group you'd like to cross-post to in the Newsgroups field. Then, when I approve the article for rec.radio.info it will get automatically cross-posted to any other groups mentioned. This will also override the default Followup-To: poster, replacing it with the groups you cross posted to.

I would prefer if the group be cross-posted to the various discussion groups in the rec.radio.\* heirarchy that are appropriate:

rec.radio.amateur.misc	Amateur (ham) radio and related matters
rec.radio.amateur.packet	Amateur Packet Radio discussions
rec.radio.amateur.policy	Amateur Radio practices, rules, etc.
rec.radio.noncomm	Non commercial radio discussions
rec.radio.shortwave	International broadcasting on the 'HF' bands
rec.radio.cb	Citizens Band (27 MHz) discussion
alt.radio.scanner	Scanner discussions (unsupported group)

or in the moderated group:

rec.radio.broadcasting	Discussion of *domestic* radio broadcasting
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I will leave it up to the poster to decide which group(s) are appropriate, but reserve the right to add groups if I feel it has broader interest.

Note: rec.radio.broadcasting is also a moderated group. It \*may\* be necessary to 'manually' post your articles to it's moderator. If you wish the article to cross-post to rec.radio.info and rec.radio.broadcasting, place the e-mail address of - rrb@airwaves.chi.il.us - in the Cc: (carbon copy) field when you mail, and state, in the article, where you want the Followup-To: to be set. Since William Pfeiffer, the rec.radio.broadcasting moderator, is part of the moderation team for rec.radio.info, I will typically abide by his decision whether the article is appropriate for rec.radio.info.

If you post to another moderated group it may be better to make special arrangements with both moderators before posting by contacting us at our

administrivia addresses.

In addition, cross-posts do not take up extra space; modern newsreaders can be configured to show you cross-posted articles only once anyway; not everybody reads rec.radio.info; and rec.radio.info was never meant to reduce the volume of the regular discussion newsgroups. But keep in mind that some of the mail gateways may filter out the informational postings (at request of the subscribers) to keep the load down.

You decide.

-- I have a regular posting with timely information, can I make arrangements to help speed up delivery by posting directly from my site?

Yes, there is! It may take a bit of chatter with the moderator, but we are willing to take responsible people and provide them the means of posting the articles directly from their site. We will try everything we can as we fully realize that DX (distant signal) and astronomical data can be somewhat transitory. We are also willing to allow regular posters of information the same courtesy, even if the information is not as timely.

We refer to this as self-moderation, which is partly based on the model for news.answer. This requires co-operation and good will to be beneficial to the community in the rec.radio hierarchy.

If you are currently maintaining (or plan to maintain) a radio-related periodic information posting, you may wish to consider cross-posting it to news.answers. Postings that are approved by the news.answers moderator for this treatment are automatically pre-approved for cross-posting to rec.radio.info (as the news.answers requirements are far more rigorous than the requirements this newsgroup ever plans to use). For more information about this option, consult the appropriate information articles and posting guidelines in news.answers.

Realize also, that even if your post is not approved for news.answers, it can still be approved for rec.radio.info. The intention is not so much to get every last bit of radio-related information on news.answers, but rather to provide an alternative avenue of approval (as well as grandfather existing maintainers of radio-related information and spare them additional bureaucratic hurdles). Again, cross-posting to either rec.radio.info or news.answers, both, or neither, is at the discretion of the poster (subject to the approval of the moderators). You decide what is most appropriate for your article.

Please remember that as an information maintainer, you are not alone. There are many others on the net who maintain and post periodic information postings, using various intermediate-to-advanced features of Usenet (usually via automated tools). Various degrees of technical support and general hand-holding are available from many Usenet veterans. Send me some E-mail

describing your needs, and I'll try to help, or at least refer you to the right knowledgeable individual(s).

-- And Follow-ups?

If the only newsgroup you have specified is rec.radio.info, then the Followup-To: field will always be set to poster. If you do not want this, you must supply a Followup-To line of your own, and I will honor that one.

If you specify newsgroups to cross-post to, then the Followup-To field will be set to include all the cross-posted groups, excepting rec.radio.info itself. Again, if you do not wish this behavior, supply your own Followup-To line.

-- Why have I received no reply from you?

I never reject anything in silence, and I make a point of it to answer all my mail. However, e-mail can and does get lost, every now and again.

So, if you send me something, and you don't see it appear it rec.radio.info, and you still have not heard from me in reply after say, one week, you can be pretty sure that either your mail never reached me, or that my answer has never reached you. In that case, please try again.

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\*\*\* Welcome to rec.radio.info! \*\*\*

Welcome to rec.radio.info, a group that aims to provide a noise-free source of information and news for the entire rec.radio hierarchy.

Two introductory articles about rec.radio.info are posted to the group and to news.answers every two weeks. You are now reading the first article, which explains what rec.radio.info is, and answers some Frequently Asked Questions.

The second article is titled "Submission Guidelines", and you only need to read it if you want to submit an article to rec.radio.info.

-- What is the purpose of rec.radio.info?

The purpose or charter of rec.radio.info is to provide the Usenet community with a resource for information, news, and facts about any and all things radio.

All the other rec.radio groups are intended for discussions and general chit chat about radio. Rec.radio.info will contain informational, factual articles only. Follow-ups are redirected to an appropriate other group, and further discussion (if any) will not take place in rec.radio.info.

In order to ensure that rec.radio.info contains only appropriate articles, it was decided to create the group as a moderated newsgroup.

-- What is a 'follow-up', and what does 'moderated' mean?

If you are new to Usenet and are not familiar with the terminology, you might want to read the general introductory articles found in the newsgroup news.announce.newusers. Doing so will make your life on the net much easier, and will probably save you from making silly beginner's mistakes.

If you think that at this moment you are reading an echo, a conference, or a bulletin board, I'd also strongly suggest a trip over to news.announce.newusers.

For the rest of this article, I will assume you have a basic knowledge of Usenet terminology and mechanics.

-- OK, so now I know what 'moderated' means. Tell me more.

Rec.radio.info is a moderated newsgroup, which means that all articles submitted to the group will have to be approved by the moderator first.

The current moderator of the group is Mark Salyzyn. Submissions to rec.radio.info can be posted, or e-mailed to:

rec-radio-info@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca

Comments, criticisms, suggestions or questions about the group can be e-mailed to:

rec-radio-request@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca

But before you do so, please be sure to check out the "Submission Guidelines" article.

The influence of the moderator should be minimal and of an administrative

nature, consisting chiefly of weeding out obviously inappropriate articles, while making sure correct headers etc. are used for the appropriate ones.

-- What type of material is considered inappropriate?

There are three broad categories of articles which will be rejected by the moderator:

- 1) Requests for information: rec.radio.info is strictly a one-way street. I receive information in my mailbox; I then post it to rec.radio.info. Requests for specific information belong in the normal discussion newsgroups. If your request gets answered, you might consider passing the answer on to rec.radio.info, though. Especially if you can edit it into a informational, rather than a discussion, format.
- 2) Obvious discussion articles, or articles that appear unsubstantiated.
- 3) Commercial stuff: a relatively unbiased test of a radio product would be accepted, but any hint of for-profit might be reason for rejection. For three reasons: This is not the purpose of the list, for-profit is a controversial topic, and this list may be passed onto Amateur Packet Radio (where for-profit is prohibited except under certain provisos).

rec.radio.swap may be more deserving of the posting in any matter.

Similarly, copyrighted material generally cannot be used. If it's TRULY worthwhile to the net, I would recommend obtaining permission from the copyright holder. Please note the source, and if permission was given. I reserve the right to make the final decision concerning appropriateness in all situations. In most cases, a brief summary of, or pointer to, the copyrighted information may be all I can allow.

-- Will the material appearing in rec.radio.info be archived somewhere?

Yes. Still firming up details at the moment but here is a preliminary list:

- unbc.edu as maintained by Lyndon Nerenberg <lyndon@unbc.edu>
- nic.funet.fi maintained by Risto Kotlampi <rko@cs.tut.fi>  
saved to /pub/dx/text/rec.radio.info currently stored as  
numbered files.

Effectively this means that anything you post to rec.radio.info will be permanently stored, so your work will not be lost.

-- I have a regular posting with timely information, is there a way to speed up it's delivery, or automate for more convenience?

Yes, there is! It may take a bit of chatter with the moderator, but we are willing to take responsible people and provide them the means of posting the

articles directly from their site. We will try everything we can as we fully realize that DX (distant signal) and astronomical data can be somewhat transitory. We are also willing to allow regular posters of information the same courtesy, even if the information is not as timely.

We refer to this as self-moderation, which is partly based on the model for news.answer. This requires co-operation and good will to be beneficial to the community in the rec.radio hierarchy.

I suggest reading the posting guidelines for more information. I am open to suggestions.

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\* Requests for information do *not* belong in rec.radio.info \*

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